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Applicant: Shuji Sato et al.
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MEDICINAL ORAL PREPARATIONS FOR TREATING COLON
CANCER AND MEDICINAL ORAL PREPARATIONS FOR
TREATING COLITIS
Examiner: E. V. Arnold
Art Unit: 1616

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENTS

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 26, 2007, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-14, for continued examination, drawn to a medicinal oral preparation for colon delivery.

For the record, Applicant notes that Group III should include claims 25-36, not claims 15-36. Applicant respectfully requests clarification so that any future divisional application based on Group III claims will include the correct set of claims.

In response to the species election requirement, Applicant elects the following species:

- for cationic polymers (claim 5): copolymer of methyl methacrylate, butyl methacrylate, and dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate (aminoalkyl methacrylate copolymer); and
- for anionic polymers (claim 6): cellulose acetate succinate.

Claims 1-14 read on the elected cationic polymer species. Claims 1-14 also read on the elected anionic polymer species.


Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder of the non-elected species upon the determination that the elected species are patentable.

Having made these elections, Applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more continuing applications on the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Dated: November 26, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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